

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 17-18 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications to the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects **Group 1 (claims 1-16 and 19-20)**, without traverse.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 500862001400. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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